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Shigeru TANAKA, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 2002, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-12, without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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